

**BOARD MEETING
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
4:00 p.m., Wednesday
September 23 , 2026**

APPROVED MINUTES



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This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. Except as otherwise provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing in the following agenda:

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Call to Order Meeting was called to order at 4:04 pm

A. Establish Quorum:

Adam Aviv*	Present
Luis Cervantes	Present
Steve Holle	Present
Anthony Jackson	Present
Veronica Lemus	*
Suzanne Llamas	Present
Alison Martinez	Present
Lucia Mier	Present

Leland Tang **Present**
Gabriel Ylo **Absent**
***Co-Chairs of Curriculum and Instruction**

Advisory Student Members (non-voting)

Prior Board Meeting Minute - approval

Board member Anthony Jackson motioned to approve the 06.24.26 board minutes, board member Suzanne Llamas seconded the motion

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Luis Cervantes		
Steve Holle		
Allison Martinez		
Lucia Mier		

Governance (20 minutes)

G1	CEO Report: The CEO will give a presentation of the school's progress, deliverables and school enrollment numbers and attendance rates.	Informational Item	CEO, Fidel Ramirez shared start of school year updates with the board inclusive of current enrollment, ADA and events happening across campuses and FACET.
G2	CCSA Governance Academy: The Board will receive information regarding CCSA's free, two-part virtual Governance Academy, designed to strengthen knowledge of charter school governance, legal obligations, board roles and responsibilities, and best practices. Event Title: CCSA Fall 2026 Governance Academy Two-Part Series Date/Time: Tues., Oct. 13, 2026 from 12-2PM (Part One) & Wed., Oct. 14, 2026 from 12-2PM (Part Two) Part One – (10/13) register HERE	Informational Item	Fidel Ramirez, shared and extended the invitation to the board for the CCSA Governance Academy. The board was also informed that taking part in this academy would fulfill the requirement to have annual Brown Act and Ethics Training particularly for the new board members.

	Part Two – (10/14) register HERE **both trainings must be completed in order to receive certificate		
G3	Board Member Re-Election- The Board will vote for re-election of board members whose terms are up.	Action Item	Board Chair, Luis Cervantes shared with the board that two members are currently up for re-election of they so choose to continue their board membership. The first re-election was for board member Leland Tang. Board member Tang, indicated he is interested in continuing on. The election vote results were as follows: Ayes: 8 No's: 0 Abstain: 0 Board member Leland Tang was successfully re-elected for another term. The second election vote was for board member Suzanne Llamas. Board member Suzanne Llamas expressed interest in continuing on. The election vote results were as follows: Ayes: 2 No's: 6 Abstain:0 Board member Suzanne Llamas was not re-elected to the board.

Business (45 minutes)

B1	Fiscal - 2025-2026 UnAudited Actuals(UAR): The Board will review and will act on approval of the UnAudited Actuals reports submitted to LAUSD.	Action Item	CFO, Yolanda Griffin shared the UnAudited Actuals for FY 25-26 to the board. She clarified that these actuals have already been submitted but are
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			still required to share with the board. Yolanda shared with the board that the year closed out with a positive net balance of \$1.5M in great part due to interest revenue. Board member Anthony Jackson motioned to approve the action item, board member Lucia Mier seconded the motion <table><tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>Abstain</td></tr><tr><td>Adam Aviv</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Luis Cervantes</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Stephen Holle</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Suzanne Llamas</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Allison Martinez</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Leland Tang</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Yes	No	Abstain	Adam Aviv			Luis Cervantes			Stephen Holle			Suzanne Llamas			Allison Martinez			Leland Tang		
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B2	Fiscal - Proposition 28: Arts & Music in School Funding Annual Report: The Board will review and approve the annual report for fiscal year 2025–26.	Action Item	Yolanda Griffin shared the annual report on the Prop 28 Arts and Music grant. The report included the breakdown of # of full time teachers, aides and a number of students being served. This report must be approved and submitted by September 30, 2026. Board member Lucia Mier motioned to approve the action item, board member Stephen Holle seconded the motion <table><tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>Abstain</td></tr></table>	Yes	No	Abstain																		
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B 3	Fiscal - New Money Market Bank Account: The Board will review a proposal to open a new Money Market account with the U.S. Bank Federation, Los Angeles, California.	Action Item	Yolanda presented the action item to the board. Yolanda shared that currently Vaughn holds a Money Market account with Kathay Bank however the interest they are providing is 3.9%. Given that US Bank currently has a promotion of \$4.24 for accounts between \$50k and \$2.9M she is proposing opening this account and capitalizing on the interest offered. There was a board discussion around the topic and it was proposed to increase the opening balance from \$2.5M to \$3.5M Board member Anthony Jackson motioned to approve the action item amending the amount, board member Lucia Mier seconded the motion <table><tr><td>Yes</td><td>No</td><td>Abstain</td></tr></table>	Yes	No	Abstain															
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Curriculum and Instruction (60 minutes)

C1	LAUSD Site Review Visit - The Board will receive an update regarding the LAUSD Site Review report.	Informational Item	Directors of Instruction, Sadie Edemann and Heather Yoshioka presented the LAUSD site review visit results. They shared with the board that Vaughn received the following scores: Governance 4 / 4 Student Achievement: 2 / 4 Operations/ Org management 3 / 4 Fiscal 3 / 4 Noting that areas of growth include the low performance of ELA students, below state average performance in math and MLL. Additional growth areas noted were the inconsistent implementation of instructional practices and continued achievement gaps. For Fiscal there was no area of growth noted however because the prior year rating was a 2 / 4 there was no higher rating that
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			could have been given this year.																					
C2	EL Master Plan 2026-2027- The Board will review and move to approve of the 2026-2027 Master Plan for English Learners.	Action Item	EL Coordinator, Ana Martinez shared with the board the 26-27 EL Master Plan. She shared that the plan addresses the identification of EL students, assessments, parent notification, instructional supports, reclassification criteria and process, the professional development of staff and parent outreach. Board member Stephen Holle motioned to approve the action item, board member Lucia Mier seconded the motion <table><tr><th>Yes</th><th>No</th><th>Abstain</th></tr><tr><td>Adam Aviv</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Luis Cervantes</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Anthony Jackson</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Suzanne Llamas</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Allison Martinez</td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Leland Tang</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	Yes	No	Abstain	Adam Aviv			Luis Cervantes			Anthony Jackson			Suzanne Llamas			Allison Martinez			Leland Tang		
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C3	English Learner Data - The Board will receive an update on the performance of our English Learner subgroups on the Spring 2026 Summative ELPAC, as well as an update on reclassification rates to date.	Informational Item	Ana Martinez shared the English Learner Data with the board sharing the data from all domains; listening, speaking, reading and writing. She																					

			identified the areas where students are demonstrating growth and where they are lacking or staying the same. She further shared the number of students who have reclassified as well as the supports and continued professional development geared towards helping students master the domains and demonstrate the growth needed to reclassify.
C4	CAASPP Assessment - The Board will receive an update on Vaughn's performance on SBAC Assessment ELA, Math, and CAST from Spring 2026	Information Item	Directors of Instruction shared the Spring 2026 SBAC scores. They specifically shared that based on the schoolwide goal the areas where Vaughn met the growth goal were: Math Science ELA scores were just shy of the overall goal but are hopeful that through continued collaboration we will see that growth needed as well. IREADY assessments are favorable and continue to be used for internal benchmarking Data shared also demonstrates that chronic absenteeism has dropped which is promising as well. The board is in discussion around the efforts and strategies that are being utilized with the hopes of supporting student outcomes and higher achievements particularly for the secondary students. There was discussion around additional strategies, tools and resources such as AI.

Partnership and School Site Council (10 minutes)

P1	Governance Committee Updates- Curriculum and Instruction, Business, and Partnership committee chairs will provide the Board an update on committee initiatives.	Informational Item	Curriculum and Instruction Co-Chair Adam Aviv shared with the board that the committee is working to increase ownership and engagement priorities for members. They have established a book club for those not participating in committee to allow for more team collaboration with peers. Partnership Chair, Allison Martinez shared with the board that partnership will now function as a School site council. A sub committee was established for the sole purpose of fundraising and event approvals as well as a second group for LGBTQIA+. Business Chair, Gabriel Ylo was not in attendance but Fidel Ramirez shared that they discussed the ESY proposals at hand as well as began a discussion around the need to align employee classifications.
P2	Student Board Member Update- The Student Board Members will provide the Board an update of student activities.	Informational Item	There was no student board member identified as of yet.

Board member comments/future agenda items

Adjournment:

Next Board Meetings:

October 21, 2026

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